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Finance Committee Minutes 03/07/05

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 3/7/05

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Fey*	Dunn*	O'Neill*	Mahoney*
DeCoursey*	Connors	Simmons		
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Piandes	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard	Fanning*		Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Deputy Town Manager Nancy Galkowski, Paul Bayer, David Landakov

VERRIDE/5 YEAR PLAN DISCUSSION: Using revised spreadsheet handouts, Galkowski reviewed the plans with emphasis on growth assumptions. Jones, using a handout, discussed the sensitivity of the plan to various contingencies. He also examined recent budget trends and how they compare to plan assumptions. Budget cuts may be required if budget limits and revenues fail to turn out as assumed. Some discussion of whether the override should promise no further override for 5 yrs.

VOTED to support a \$6m override on 6/11/05, with no further override for 5 yrs, with reserves funded at 5% of the budget, with the principles of fiscal restraint proposed by the BOS and assuming concurrent support by the School Committee and the BOS. 12-2.

BUD 20 LIBRARY: Library/HumSer SubCom recommended the budget as printed in the budget book. The budget will assure continued qualification for \$52k state aid which is contingent on hours open, expenditure on new materials, and % town budget spent on library. Budget will fund 2 days/wk at Fox branch. VOTED \$1,713,262. Unanimous.

BUD 21a HUMAN SERVICES Library/HumSer SubCom recommended the budget as printed in the budget book. VOTED \$126,013. Unanimous

BUD 21b VETERANS: Library/HumSer SubCom recommended the budget as printed in the budget book. VOTED \$163,288. Unanimous

BUD 21c BOARD OF HEALTH: Library/HumSer SubCom recommended the budget as printed in the budget book. All fees have been raised. This board is responsible for 170 food establishments, 20 massage parlors, and 7 tanning salons. VOTED \$220,859. 12-0-1

COMMITTEE: Next mtg 3/9. Schools on 3/14 or 3/16.

Peter B Howard Secretary 3/10/05 based on notes taken by DuBois & Kneeland
 cc Selectmen, FinCom Members, Town Manager, Library File, Town Web Site